

# Bed and breakfast inns find ideal location

## Campus setting preferred

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A bed and breakfast inn near the University might seem a bit unusual at first glance, but Ursula Bates, owner of Campus Cottage at 1136 E. 19th Ave., said it is the best location in the entire state.

Bates claims there "couldn't be a nicer location" or a more pleasant environment for a year-round business.

Bates purchased the Campus Cottage in 1981 to open Eugene's first bed and breakfast inn. The building was constructed in 1922, and is decorated with braided rugs and antique furniture.

The Campus Cottage is just one of several bed and breakfast inns around the University area.

Peggy Ward, owner of Duckworth Bed and Breakfast Inn at 987 E. 19th Ave., who started the business last fall after moving from San Diego, said the University area is an ideal location for a bed and breakfast.

"I couldn't find anything there (San Diego) that would permit the style I wanted without outrageous prices," she said.

Ward said she and her husband Fred felt the house in Eugene was a prime location for a bed and breakfast inn.

"It had all the charm and character for a bed and breakfast," she explained, and is in "one of the prettiest neighborhoods in Eugene."

The Mapletree Inn, at 412 E. 13th Ave., is another bed and breakfast inn near the University and is owned by Ron and So-nja Darling.

Innkeeper Sharon Altenhofen, said the inn is "in a great walking district and historic district."

The Mapletree Inn reopened under new ownership in February after renovations and redecorating, and Altenhofen said her job provides a "wonderful opportunity to share Eugene with the tourists."

Altenhofen explained that guests may choose to stay at a bed and breakfast inn "because they get to know the community and the people, and have someone to share it with ... we are a personalized contact with the community."

She also said that one of the attractions of bed and breakfast inns near the University is that it offers tourists the "sights and



Photo by Steve Card

Sharon Altenhofen is the innkeeper at the Mapletree Inn bed and breakfast inn at 412 E. 13th Ave. The Mapletree is one of several bed and breakfast inns located in the University campus area.


sounds of Eugene" during their stay.

Guests at campus area inns range from parents of University students to candidates for professorships to stand-up

comics.

Like all bed and breakfast inns in Eugene, the Duckworth Bed and Breakfast Inn has its own unique home-like qualities. For example, guests there

may choose to play the piano, read, or select one of 500 videotapes from the inn's collection. Each room has a television and VCR. Guests may also relax in the English garden behind the house.



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